

Below is the email thread from White Coat Waste and Kindness Ranch on EPA's Research Rabbits. At the bottom is language drafted for EPA's Response (highlighted in yellow).

Feb. 4th Follow Up Email from White Coat Waste:

Hello all,

We were thrilled to hear EPA Admin. nominee [[HYPERLINK](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FDrLockeJHU%2Fstatus%2F1357348942913171461&data=04%7C01%7COrme-Zavaleta.Jennifer%40epa.gov%7C7601166b7f1c4be7c29c08d8c9518dc7%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637480699408057858%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7nuX1EE%2BQtpD%2Flu8VzEj7QmjgQgOYA6186Ox8vtGlwk%3D&reserved=0) "https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FDrLockeJHU%2Fstatus%2F1357348942913171461&data=04%7C01%7COrme-Zavaleta.Jennifer%40epa.gov%7C7601166b7f1c4be7c29c08d8c9518dc7%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637480699408057858%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7nuX1EE%2BQtpD%2Flu8VzEj7QmjgQgOYA6186Ox8vtGlwk%3D&reserved=0">] in today's confirmation hearing to supporting EPA's outstanding work to end animal testing. President Biden has also been an advocate for lab animal retirement since the 1980s and we're excited to build on his legacy on this issue.

Might we be able to schedule a call to discuss plans for the retirement of the rabbits in NC and how WCW and Kindness Ranch can help?

Hope to connect soon,

Justin

Jan. 26th Email from Kindness Ranch (Sanctuary mentioned in original email from White Coat Waste)

From: John Ramer <[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:john@kindnessranch.org" \]](mailto:john@kindnessranch.org)>

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 11:15 AM

To: Justin Goodman <[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:justin@whitecoatwaste.org" \]](mailto:justin@whitecoatwaste.org)>

Cc: "[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:Henry.Tala@epa.gov" \]](mailto:Henry.Tala@epa.gov)" <[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:Henry.Tala@epa.gov" \]](mailto:Henry.Tala@epa.gov)>, "[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov" \]](mailto:Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov)" <[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov" \]](mailto:Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov)>, "[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov" \]](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)" <[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov" \]](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>, Anthony Bellotti <[\[HYPERLINK "mailto:ab@whitecoatwaste.org" \]](mailto:ab@whitecoatwaste.org)>

Subject: Re: Home for EPA research rabbits

Good day all,

Thank you very much for the introduction Justin, I am honored to e-meet everyone and look forward to working closely with you all in the future.

Our support base falls well below the 3 million of WCW though I can say our base of over 700,000 also extends a great amount of gratitude in taking these steps to offer a thriving retirement to these animals.

Kindness Ranch sits on just under 1200 acres in beautiful southeastern Wyoming with a full time live onsite staff that is eager to care for these beautiful souls. **In 2019 we transported over 100 animals from 12 states to our sanctuary and ended the year with adopting out 92 dogs, 47 cats and retiring 16 farm animals. Last year, due to the current COVID crisis those numbers**

dropped some, though we still were able to offer retirement to 3 pigs, 2 rabbits, 35 cats and 93 dogs with a placement of 62 of those dogs. All placed with us from labs.

I am very proud of our staff here and assure you all that we are ready and able to offer a fantastic home and placement options.

I look forward to working with you all,

January 25th Email from White Coat Waste:

From: Justin Goodman <[HYPERLINK "mailto:justin@whitecoatwaste.org"]>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Henry, Tala <[HYPERLINK "mailto:Henry.Tala@epa.gov"]>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <[HYPERLINK "mailto:Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov"]>; Grantham, Nancy <[HYPERLINK "mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov"]>
Cc: John Ramer <[HYPERLINK "mailto:john@kindnessranch.org"]>; Anthony Bellotti <[HYPERLINK "mailto:ab@whitecoatwaste.org"]>
Subject: Home for EPA research rabbits

Dear Dr. Hala, Dr. Orme-Zavaleta and Ms. Grantham,

Thank you in advance for your time. I hope you're all safe and healthy. On behalf of our 3 million supporters, thank you for your commitment to reducing animal testing, and your recent decision to retire the rabbits in RTP. We're so grateful for our relationship with the EPA and look forward to continuing to support your important efforts in this area.

On this note, I have CC'd John Ramer, the executive director of [HYPERLINK "https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kindnessranch.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7CBhandari.Pradnya%40epa.gov%7C8c71fb342eb0483b025b08d8c92869d7%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637480522688792090%7CUnknown%7CTWfpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nLv%2B3rxJBZrkiGvdfplv1EpEaHil37Umm0cE6cGlqOo%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank"], an outstanding non-profit that works extensively with labs to provide homes for former research animals. **John and the Kindness Ranch have generously offered to handle all logistics for the retirement of the EPA rabbits, including transportation from NC to WY, veterinary exams, adopter screening and placement in homes.**

WCW has helped secure the retirement of lab animals from other federal agency labs and would be honored to help facilitate the retirement of these rabbits at EPA.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Justin

EPA Response:

From: Hubbard, Carolyn <[HYPERLINK "mailto:Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov"]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:36 PM
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Cc: Blackburn, Elizabeth <[[HYPERLINK "mailto:Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov" \]>](mailto:Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov); D'Amico, Louis
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Subject: For Review- Home for EPA research rabbits Response

Hi Nancy- please use this version. Thanks.

Dear Mr. Goodman,

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thank you for your concern.